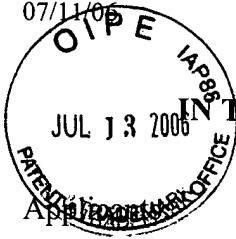


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY

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X \$ 25	\$	
X \$100	\$	
+ \$180	\$	

TOTAL= \$ 0

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[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006 for 3 months from April 12, 2006 to July 12, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

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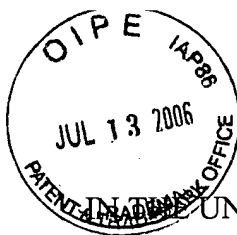
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 12, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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